

REMARKS

This amendment is a second proposed amendment being filed on the day after a first proposed one was filed. Applicants note that the first proposed amendment has been faxed directly to the Examiner. Applicants requests that the first amendment after final be entered first and considered by the Examiner.

The present application now contains claims 1-15 and 29, 30, and 32-34. Claim 33 has been currently amended. Claims 17-28 have been cancelled, subject to their being the subject of a divisional application(s). Claims 16 and 31 have been cancelled, for the reasons given below. Claim 33 has been amended.

Claim 33 has been placed in independent form and an additional limitation has been added to the claim.

Claims 33 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Helmstädter in view of Becker, et al. In view of the amendments to claim 33 and the following remarks Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claim 33 as amended.

Becker uses a system of a moving suction gripper to flip over the sheet. In Becker (and by its very nature) the roller handing off the sheet and the roller receiving the sheet are rotating with the same sense, so that they move in opposite directions at their region of proximity. This complex hand-off and turning over of the sheet is avoided in the invention according to claim 33 in which the two rollers move in the same direction at the hand off point, allowing for a simple gripper to gripper transfer.


Applicants submit that since the present amendment places the application in order for allowance it should be entered.

Applicants submit that all of the claims are patentable and that the application is ready for allowance. Notice to this effect is respectfully awaited.

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